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SUBJECT: SADAT'S MARCH 29 ADDRESS TO PARLIAMENT: COMMENT

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1. PRESIDENT SADAT SURPRISED EGYPTIANS, ARABS, AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS  
MARCH 29 BY MODERATE AND RATIONAL TONE OF HIS POLICY ADDRESS. MANY  
WERE DOUBTLESS DISAPPOINTED HE DID NOT TAKE A SLAP AT USG AND COME  
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OUT IRREVOCABLY FOR GENEVA AS SOLE REMAINING ALTERNATIVE.

ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT SAID HE HAD ASKED FOR RECONVENING OF GENEVA, WE HAVE AS YET HAD NO SUCH REQUEST. HE HAS PUBLICLY LEFT HIS OPTIONS OPEN.

2. SPEAKING MORE IN SORROW THAN ANGER, AN EMOTION HE SPECIFICALLY DISAVOWED AS INAPPROPRIATE, SADAT REITERATED EGYPT'S DESIRE FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE AND INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO WORK FOR IT. HE CONTRASTED EGYPT'S STRENGTH WITH ISRAEL'S DOMESTIC POLITICAL WEAKNESS. WITHOUT NAMING HIS ARAB CRITICS, HE RAPPED PALESTINANS, SYRIAN AND OTHER ARAB KNUCKLES FOR FAILING TO APPRECIATE EGYPT'S OBJECTIVE OF MOVING FORWARD TOWARD SETTLEMENT OF OVERALL ARAB CAUSE.

3. PRESIDENT' UNEXPECTED ANNOUNCEMENTS OF (A) WILLINGNESS RETURN LONG WANTED 39 ISRAELI BODIES WITHOUT DEMANDING ANY SPECIFIC QUID PRO QUO, AND (B) HIS INTENTION REOPEN SUEZ CANAL ON JUNE 5, (BOTH OF WHICH ACTIONS HE TOOK OVER OBJECTIONS OF HIS PRINCIPAL ADVISORS), ARE ACTS OF CONSIDERABLE COURAGE AND STATESMANSHIP. THEY ARE CLEARLY INTENDED TO SIGNAL TO ISRAEL AND WORLD AT LARGE HIS CONSTRUCTIVE INTENTIONS.

4. SPEECH WAS WELL RECEIVED BY PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY AUDIENCE. THEY CLEARLY APPRECIATED PRESIDENT'S EXPOSE OF WHAT HAD OCCURRED AND TOOK PRIDE IN HIS HANDLING OF THE SITUATION. LESS ENTHUSIASTIC WERE PALESTINIAN GUESTS, CHIEF AMONG THEM SALAH KHALAF (ABU IYAD), WHO APPLAUDED PERFUNCTORILY AND LOOKED SCEPTICAL WHENEVER PRESIDENT SPOKE OF HIS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF PALESTINIANS.

5. DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES PRESENT WERE, WITH EXCEPTION OF EAST BLOC REPS, FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH SADAT'S MODERATION.

6. RE SOVIETS, SADAT OUTLINED HIS CONCEPTION OF WHAT EGYPTIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS SHOULD BE, VIS., A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, NOT OPPORTUNISM. HE THEN AD LIBBED: "I HOPE THIS EFFORT IS MUTUAL," AN OBLIQUE SLAP AT SOVIETS, WHO RECEIVED NO OTHER MENTION IN SPEECH. SOVIET AMBASSADOR POLIYAKOV SMILED WANLY WHEN SPEECH WAS OVER.

7. MOST EGYPTIANS, LONG CONDITIONED TO NOISY AND FLORID NASSERITE RHETORICAL STYLE, WILL BE SHOCKED AND, WE BELIEVE, DELIGHTED WITH THIS TRULY COURAGEOUS AND STATESMANLIKE ADDRESS. LACK OF RECRIMINATION FOR USG AND RESTRAINT, IN ARAB TERMS, OF CONDEMNATION  
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OF ISRAELI "WEAKNESS" AND "LACK OF POLITICAL REALISM" ARE NOT WHAT EGYPTIANS COULD REASONABLY HAVE EXPECTED FROM A PRESIDENT WHOSE FOREIGN POLICY HAS SO FAR FAILED TO ATTAIN EVEN IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE OF SECOND STAGE SINAI WITHDRAWAL. FOR VAST MAJORITY OF POLITICALLY SOPHISTICATED EGYPTIANS, THIS MUST BE PROUD MOMENT.  
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